

Ducks battling 24-man limit in Pac-8 finals



photo by Terry Geraths

Oregon's Rudy Chapa, a member of what is perhaps the best distance running team in the conference, will run in both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters in the Pac-8 championships. The race for the conference crowns begins today in Los Angeles.

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The Pacific-8 track and field championships gets under way this morning at UCLA with Oregon facing a somewhat ironic situation.

The Ducks literally ran to a 4-1 record while facing three of the nation's elite track teams last month — UCLA, Washington State and Arizona State — and lost only to UCLA.

Brandishing probably the best distance squad in the conference and one of the best in the nation, Oregon gave up very few places in any distance over 1,500 meters this year. So, while usually breaking even in the sprint, hurdles and field events, Oregon won meets by sweeping the 1,500 and 5,000 meter races, and the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

But because of a rule that limits each school to 24 athletes in the Pac-8 championships, Oregon's strength in distances isn't going to come in as handy as in a dual meet. The rule forces many athletes to enter more than one event so each team will be assured of having entrants in every event.

It won't affect schools such as UCLA or defending champ and pre-meet favorite USC, whose sprinters can run three or four events without being seriously drained, but with Oregon it's a different situation.

"I've never tried to run that much in two days before," said Rudy Chapa, who, along with fellow freshman Alberto Salazar and Seniors Dave Taylor and Terry Williams will double in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races. "It'll be interesting to see how well I can do."

The four Ducks face perhaps the biggest tests of anyone on the Oregon squad this weekend. The quartet will have to face Washington State Kenyans Joshua Kimeto and Samson Kimombwa in both of

those races.

Salazar has recorded the fastest Pac-8 times in both races, 13:47.80 in the 5,000 and 29:03.4 in the 10,000, while Kimombwa and Kimeto, at 13:50.80, are tied for the second-fastest 5,000. Don Clary, who will double in the 5,000 and steeplechase, Chapa and Taylor are 4-5-6 in the conference standings.

No times have been recorded by the WSU runners in the 10,000.

Joining Clary in the steeplechase for Oregon are Williams and Larry Hurst against, mainly, WSU's Henry Rono. Rono has a conference-leading time of 8:38.4, while Clary (8:44.30), Williams (8:48.40) and Hurst (8:49.0) rank behind him.

Matt Centrowitz stayed in Eugene because of a knee injury sustained in an auto accident so Oregon will be represented in the 1,500 meters by Hurst, Randal Markey, Bruce Nelson and defending Pac-8 champ Peter Spir. Rono has the leading time in the conference, 3:41.50.

Dacre Bowen in the 400 meters, Jim Smith in the javelin, Ray Burton in the discus and Tom Hintnaus in the pole vault are other Ducks Oregon coach Bill Dellinger sees most likely to challenge for points.

School record holder Anthony Berry will compete in the long jump, Greg Fries and Jan From will take part in the high jump, Howard Banich will throw the shot and discus and John McArdle will toss the hammer in other field events.

Bowen will team with Al Dukowski, Robert Curry and Phil Bransom in the 400 relay, and with Denzil Davis, Dave Hagmeier and Curry in the mile relay.

Bransom will run the 100 high hurdles and Hagmeier the 400 intermediates while Dukowski runs the 200 meters, Davis the 400 meters, and Gary Sievers, Markey and Spir the 800 meters.

As baseball Ducks face OSU

Oregon starts final series

By DAN LINDAHL
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Mike Carr, Oregon's freshman catcher, was shooting baskets during a pause between classes.

"I'm looking forward to next year," grinned Carr as a shot settled in the tattered net, "hopefully things will be better then."

Indeed, the Ducks' 1977 baseball season hasn't been much to speak of. But much of their disappointment can be relieved with a successful effort this weekend when Oregon meets Oregon State in a season ending three game Northern Division series.

OSU travels to Howe Field today for a single 3 p.m. game while coach Mel Krause's Ducks head to Corvallis for a twinbill Saturday.

Standing at 13-25 overall and 3-12 in Northern Division play, nothing other than pride will be at stake for Oregon when it meets the Beavers. Oregon State, although still in the league race mathematically, really has nothing other than pride on its mind, too.

"It's possible to catch Washington State," said OSU coach Jack Riley, whose team trails the Cougars by two games with three to go. "But it's probably impossible."

The series brings together two teams moving in different directions, Oregon on the upswing after beating Washington State while Oregon State is sputtering, mainly as the result of poor hitting.

"We salvaged some respectability with the win," said Krause of the victory over the Cougars. "For the second consecutive week we had reasonably good pitching, but we should have won two games."

OSU swept the series when the team tangled in April as Beaver hurler Pat Berry keyed the Corvallis team's dominance of the Ducks. Riley figures Berry to be a factor again, but the OSU

coach won't necessarily start him.

"We'll use Barry as a trouble shooter, coming out of the bullpen," explained Riley, whose club stands at 29-15. "We'll go with either Scott Anderson or Ken Noble in Friday's game."

Oregon is expected to counter with Eric Gilmore.

"We just need to mentally prepare for this series," said Riley, looking ahead to the Ducks. "We've got to get ready to play a team that wants to beat us very badly."

Women lose second straight

Oregon's women's softball team, which heads for the NCWSA-AIWA Region IX qualifying tournament this weekend in Portland, dropped its second straight game Thursday, falling to Oregon State 5-3, at Amazon Park.

The loss evened the women's record at 6-6 on the year.

Kim Knox led Oregon at the plate with a single and a triple, while pitcher Shawna Baxter was nailed with her fifth loss of the year against six wins.

Oregon opens the qualifying tourney by playing Portland State Saturday at 1 p.m.

Sportfolio

Gymnast Hamilton signs letter

Jim Hamilton, a gymnast from Long Beach (Calif.) City College, has signed a national letter of intent to enroll at the University, it was announced Thursday.

Hamilton, who will join gymnastic coach Bill Ballester's squad as a junior next year, was the California All-Around champion, as well as capturing the parallel bar title.

Hamilton also won the all-around event in California's annual North-South meet. His squad finished second to Odessa Junior College in national competition.

Torture Ridge Run planned

A six-mile course billed as the toughest race west of the Rockies will be in store for the entrants in Sunday's Torture Ridge Run, which will start from Eugene's Hendricks Park Sunday at 1 p.m.

The course will cover steep hills, ditches and other obstacles.

A \$1 entry fee will be charged by the Run's sponsors, Phi Epsilon Kappa.

Torture run finishers will receive a tee-shirt and light food refreshments.

Stickmen hosting Oregon State

Oregon's Lacrosse club will close out its home season by playing Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Assoc. (PNLA) Saturday on the athletic field adjacent to Hayward Field.

Oregon will enter the game with a 4-1 PNLA record and a 6-2 mark overall. Last week, the Ducks placed third in the PNLA tournament, finishing behind Stanford and Seattle.

Oregon State will come into the game with a 3-2 league mark and a 4-4 record on the season.

For new lacrosse fans attending this week's game, the Ducks stickmen will distribute information sheets explaining the rules and objectives of the game.

Karate tournament set

The University Karate Club will sponsor a Karate tournament Saturday at McArthur Court with eliminations starting at 11 a.m. and finals scheduled for 7 p.m.

Karate master Tervo Chinen will also take part in the affair. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

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